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Couple Nearly Falls Victim to the “Grandparent Scam”

Hingham, MA – An elderly Hingham couple almost fell victim to a common scam referred to as the “Grandparent Scam” or “Arrested Relative” scam. Fortunately, as they were about to send the money, they received a call from their grandson who was not in jail.

The couple, 86 and 87 years old, received a call on February 13, 2017 from a man who identified himself as a police sergeant from a Pennsylvania Police Department. He said their grandson, who he identified by his actual first name, had been pulled over and arrested. He needed bail money sent overnight. The couple believed they could hear their grandson briefly speaking to them and crying on the phone. They grandparents were asked to send \$8,500 in cash overnight and mail it to an address in Wynnewood, PA. They were also asked not to speak to anyone about the “arrest”.

The couple went to the bank, withdrew the cash and packaged it up in an overnight Fed Ex envelope as instructed. They were asked to send the envelope without a signature required. As they were about to have it picked up, they coincidentally received a phone call from their actual grandson who told them he was not in jail.

The couple then called the police to report the incident to help educate others about the scam. The phone numbers for used by the scammers were 1-289-200-6752 and 1-289-980-2928. Internet searches show both are associated with scams. The Pennsylvania address the money were the cash was to be sent overnight is an actual Fed Ex office.

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